

## Superior Court of California County of Trinity

## **NEWS RELEASE**

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**RE:** Ribbon Cutting Ceremony Planned for Trinity County Historic Courthouse's New Security Screening Station

Weaverville – Trinity Superior Court today announced its plans to hold a ribbon cutting ceremony on June 18, 2010, to celebrate the implementation of the new security screening station at the County's historic courthouse.

The program for the ceremony, 12:30–2:00 p.m., will include remarks by local dignitaries Anthony Edwards, Presiding Judge and Bruce Haney, Marshal, both of the Trinity Superior Court; and Dero Forslund, CAO of Trinity County. Several guests from the Administrative Office of the Courts (AOC) will include Jody Patel, Regional Administrative Director for the Northern/Central Regional Office and keynote speakers Malcolm Franklin and Sara Fisher from the AOC Office of Emergency Response and Security. Immediately following the speeches and ribbon cutting, security personnel from the Marshal's Office will demonstrate the new security screening equipment.

The building renovation and implementation of the new security screening station is a major milestone for our community in securing the County's historic courthouse; a collaborative effort on behalf of the Court, County and AOC. Providing a safe and secure environment for employees, jurors and other patrons who frequent California courthouses is a high priority at the State level. Trinity County is fortunate to have foreseeing administrators able to assist the State in implementing the security screening station in its historic facility. Many historic courthouses in California have insurmountable obstacles such as space requirements and ADA regulations to overcome while preserving its historical integrity. The State funded security project was completed on budget in 2009, with an architectural design that esthetically preserves and enhances the original historic building that remains a County landmark and point of interest.

Patrons of the courthouse have been entering through the security screening station at the main entrance of the building at 11 Court Street since May. All other entrances/exits to the courthouse have now been secured with an alarm system for use by authorized personnel only.

Due to space limitations this event is for invited guests and the news media only.